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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Among the words to be included in the next edition of the New World Dictionary of the American Language is the term "euphenics."

According to information available to me at this time, the word was originated by you, and for this reason I am writing to inquire about the origin of the term. I assume that it is intended as a parallel with "eugenics" and "euthenics," but I am puzzled by the -ph-. For both of the other terms I can find Greek roots which have been used, but I can find none involving the -phen-.

try
phenotype

Since I have regularly included in the etymologies the name of the person who coined the word under consideration, I should appreciate knowing also if our information is correct with respect to your having coined this term. Please address your response to me at the Graduate Studies Office, University of Redlands, Redlands, California 92373.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Umbach
Etymological Editor
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I thought I had coined "euphenics" until Dr. Lerner pointed out a forgotten precedent in a Russian word "EUPHENIKA" ("changing the genes" or "genetic engineering")? Do you have "algeing" = J.F.